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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

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1. DURING CALL ON F.M. DUDLEY THOMPSON MARCH 11 TO DISCUSS LOS (SEPTTEL), I RAISED SUBJECT PUERTO RICO. THOMPSON CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT "JAMAICA WILL NOT BACK A PUERTO RICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THIS IS AN IMMUTABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR GOOD FRIENDS THE CUBANS, AND ONE WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL WITH THEM". I TOLD HIM I WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE JAMAICAN POSITION SINCE MY DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER LAST JULY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM CUBA.

2. THOMPSON SAID THERE WAS NO QUALIFICATION TO JAMAICA'S POSITION. "LEST THERE BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHEN WE SPEAK OF SELF-DETERMINATION OR LIBERATION IN LATIN AMERICA, IT DOES NOT REFER TO PUERTO RICO OR PANAMA, BUT EXCLUSIVELY TO BELIZE."

3. COMMENT: I ACCEPT THOMPSON'S ASSURANCES AND AM
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CONFIDENT WE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH JAMAICA ON

PUERTO RICO. AT THE SAME TIME I DOUBT WE WILL GET
ANY HELP FROM JAMAICA IN INFLUENCING THE ATTITUDES
OF THIRD COUNTRIES ON THE ISSUES.

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